

**Before the
Federal Communications Commission**

In the Matter of)	
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Comment Sought on Streamlining Deployment)	WT Docket No. 16-421
Of Small Cell Infrastructure)	
By Improving Wireless Facilities Siting)	
Policies; Mobilitie, LLC Petition for Declaratory Ruling)	

Comments of the Willows of Potomac Community Association

The Willows of Potomac Community Association submits the following comments in response to Public Notice DA 16-1427 (Dec. 22, 2016). We represent a 700-household residential community in Montgomery County, Maryland. We are interested in the issues raised by the public notice both as users of cell phones and because of the impact that the deployment of small cell and DAS facilities will likely have on our community.

We do not have technical knowledge to address the Commission's questions in detail. Rather, we strongly urge the Commission to consider any comments filed by the City of Rockville or Montgomery County, Maryland governments. We would, however, like to state in general terms our concern that the Commission not take any action that would deprive local authorities of the discretion or time needed to properly evaluate applications. While we recognize the significant public interest in the expeditious deployment of new technologies, we also urge that local authorities must have the time and discretion to fully examine the aesthetic and other factors that weigh in the decision to grant a siting application.

In particular, we are aware that our local government has already been flooded with applications and is struggling to process them in a timely manner. We ask the Commission not to impose any deadlines that would prevent our local authorities from doing their jobs in a

conscientious manner and worry that the proposed “shot clock” approach does not give local authorities a realistic opportunity to make reasoned decisions. Further, we are concerned that the “densification” of siting associated with new technologies increases rather than decreases the need for local authorities to give careful consideration to siting applications. Local authorities should have a realistic opportunity to receive and fully consider community input before approving applications.

Respectfully Submitted

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